The Senate Page

The Washington State Legislature has one of the finest page programs in the country. Hundreds of students throughout Washington State have an opportunity each year to take part in the legislative process and observe the Legislature and other branches of state government in action.
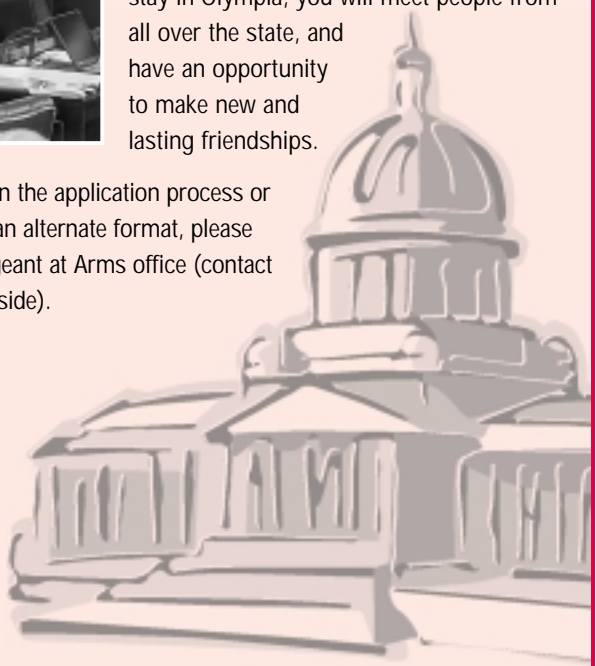
This card provides basic information about the Senate Page Program to assist you in submitting your application. In order to be considered, you must complete the application and **return it to the senator who represents your legislative district.** If you don't know your senator's name and address, you may obtain it from your county auditor's office or on the internet at http://dfind.leg.wa.gov.

It is a great honor to be selected as a page for the Washington State Senate. If you are selected, you can look forward to a fun and educational experience. During your stay in Olympia, you will meet people from all over the state, and have an opportunity to make new and lasting friendships.

If you need assistance in the application process or need this document in an alternate format, please contact the Senate Sergeant at Arms office (contact information on reverse side).

Thank you for your interest in our Page Program!

For more information, visit the Washington State Legislature's web site at: **http://www.leg.wa.gov**, or for Senate Page Program information visit: **http://www.leg.wa.gov/senate/sadm/senpage.htm**

The Page is a helping hand during legislative sessions, which run from January through March or April. Pages perform many duties that would otherwise require legislators or staff to disrupt their work day. Please keep in mind that some of these tasks may be tedious.

The Senate receives hundreds of page applications each year. Though we would like to accept all who apply, we have limited openings. To maximize the opportunity for all, our policy allows that you page ONE TIME ONLY in either the House or the Senate. Your application will not be accepted if you have paged in either in the past.

Here are the requirements you must meet:

1. Parent/guardian's permission
2. School's permission/recommendation
3. Senate sponsor
4. Social Security number (must be obtained before paging); and
5. Must be at least 14 years of age and not have reached your 17th birthday.

If you are selected, you will receive an acceptance letter, packet of information including a handbook, necessary forms and list of private housing approximately four weeks before your start date. The information packet will address everything you need to know about paging.

You and your parents will be responsible for your housing arrangements and off-duty time.

Students page from Monday through Friday and may be asked to work Saturday and Sunday **only** if the Senate is in session. You must attend a 1½ hour page orientation on the Sunday afternoon before your scheduled work week. Details will be included in the information packet.

If you are selected and scheduled to page, we cannot reschedule you. This includes cancellations due to family obligations, sports activities, final exams, etc.

Please give careful consideration to the section "Weeks you cannot page" on the application.

The Page's work day begins at 7:45 a.m. and usually ends at 5 p.m. Pages are sometimes asked to work later if the Senate is in session. You will earn $35 per day for each day worked (including orientation day). A check will be mailed to your home 2-4 weeks after you page.

Your appearance must be neat at all times. A page jacket will be furnished; however, you will need to bring:

- ■ Black slacks or dress pants (no skirts or black jeans)
- ■ Boys — white shirts with collar and black tie
- ■ Girls — white blouses, shirts or turtlenecks (no T-shirts, sweatshirts, bare midriff tops)
- ■ Comfortable black shoes (solid black tennis shoes are acceptable)

A complete packing list is included in the information packet.

If you do not meet this dress requirement, you will be asked to acquire the necessary clothing while you are in Olympia or return home.

Pages spend two hours each day in a classroom setting learning about the legislative process. In addition, pages have the opportunity to spend another hour, in a quiet environment, working on school assignments from home.

Thank you for your interest in the page program. If you have questions, please see the Frequently Asked Questions page at: www.leg.wa.gov/senate/sadm/senpage.htm, contact your district Senator (look up at http://dfind.leg.wa.gov) or contact the Senate Sergeant at Arms office by calling or writing us at:

PO Box 40482
Olympia, WA 98504-0482
Phone: (360) 786-7189 or (360) 786-7560
e-mail: goetz_ma@leg.wa.gov

SENATE PAGE APPLICATION

Please type or print legibly.
Application must be filled out completely on both sides to be considered.

Name: _____
(first)   (middle)   (last)

Nickname: _____

Home Address: _____

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Home Phone: (_____) _____

Social Security Number: _____ \ _____ \ _____
(Social Security Number must be obtained before application can be accepted.)

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Gender: ☐ Male   ☐ Female

Applicant's Signature: _____

_____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature:

_____ Date: _____

I also authorize, by my signature, the Washington State Senate and/or its designated representatives to use photographs of my child in any Senate authorized publication. I understand that such photographs will be held in files open to the public and have agreed to the taking of these photographs without compensation or payment.

Your District State Senator: (look up at http://dfind.leg.wa.gov)

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Have you paged at any time in the Senate? _____ House?

Will you require housing? ☐ Yes   ☐ No

Name of parent(s) or guardian: _____

Parent contact numbers: Day Phone: _____

Eve. Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Other: _____

e-mail address: _____

School name: _____

Grade: _____ Principal: _____

*Weeks you CANNOT page (final exams, sports, family obligations, etc.):

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*Please give this section careful consideration. We cannot reschedule you if you cancel.

I recommend this applicant for the position of PAGE in the Washington State Senate during the upcoming session.

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Member, Washington State Senate

Recommendations

Principal: _____

Comments: _____

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Teacher/Counselor: _____

Comments: _____

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Homeschool Instructor: _____

Comments: _____

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